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1. It has been definitely established that the machines and equipment used in the Wismar shipyards belonged formerly to the Vulkan shipyards, Stettin; this material represents what was left after a good part of the equipment of the Vulkan shipyards had been sent to Russia.
2. It is alleged that 98,000 tons of reparations goods and requisitioned material were shipped from Wismar to the Soviet Union during May 1947. During the same period, shipments credited to German accounts amounted to only 400 tons of goods.
3. The largest freighter observed thus far in the Wismar harbor is the Georgios, presumably a Greek ship, of a gross registered tonnage of 9,000, which, during the second half of August, was loaded with reparations goods destined for Russia. A freight train consisting of approximately sixty cars arrived about the same date from Thuringia. It carried barley which was reloaded on ships. Several trainloads of carpets and furniture destined for Russia also arrived.
4. At the present time the shipyards in Wismar are rebuilding a 1300-ton steamer which will be used by the Russians for research purposes.
5. The harbor installations in Wismar, as well as those in Rostock, are congested to such a degree that all rail shipments had to be stopped temporarily, necessitating the postponement of the planned dismantling of tracks of the line Malliss-Luebtheen (T28). Over 10,000 cubic meters of reparations lumber, for instance, are stacked up along the railroad tracks awaiting shipment.

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